

Conventions Rubric

The writing conventions rubric will be used to assess both the on-demand tasks and content-specific assignments.

Points	Descriptions
2	Exhibits reasonable control of grammatical conventions appropriate to the writing task <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibits reasonable control of sentence formation • Exhibits reasonable control of standard usage, including agreement, tense, and case • Exhibits reasonable control of mechanics, including use of capitalization, punctuation, and spelling
1	Exhibits minimal control of grammatical conventions appropriate to the writing task <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibits minimal control of sentence formation • Exhibits minimal control of standard usage, including agreement, tense, and case • Exhibits minimal control of mechanics, including use of capitalization, punctuation, and spelling
0	Lacks control of grammatical conventions appropriate to the writing task <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lacks control of sentence formation • Lacks control of standard usage, including agreement, tense, and case • Lacks control of mechanics, including use of capitalization, punctuation, and spelling
Note:	Students who receive accommodations that invalidate the conventions score (i.e., <i>Dictation to Scribe</i>) will have 0 entered for their conventions score.

Examples of Common Convention Errors

Sentence Formation:

A sentence is an expression of an assertion, explanation, proposal, question, or command.

Fragment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When I go to school. Then I started to write.
Run-ons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I think they need to get up earlier so they can get ready for school and have time to eat breakfast they need to get up at an earlier time. I knew that I would never get away with it and plus I had two tests that day and I didn't really want to go.
Phrases or clauses used incorrectly, which interfere with the meaning of the sentence.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While sleeping, they need to go to bed earlier. Drinking my milk, the cookies seemed irresistible.

Usage:

Standard usage includes agreement, tense, and case.

Incorrect use of verbs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students is very disruptive. People was laughing at the guy's answers.
Pronoun misuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The girls went to play with there own teams. Between you and I, the test was hard.
Incorrect formations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> hisself, theirselves, bestest
Failure to use a word according to its standard meaning (homophone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How did you no? Tell them to right a letter home.

Mechanics:

Mechanics involves the use of capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.

Incorrect Capitalization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> did he give it away? The teacher's name is tom evans. Jose and i went to the store. George eats Bananas and Oranges.
Incorrect Punctuation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why did she go home early. John plays golf tennis and baseball. Tom said Go to the store."
Pattern of misspellings of common words or incorrect pluralization.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> freind for friend boxs for boxes droped for dropped